

Director of Central Intelligence

Assistant Director, Reports and Estimates

IM-62: Significance of Movement of Soviet and Satellite
Navy - Military Personnel

REFERENCE: DCI Memorandum to Secretary of Defense, same subject, dated
20 September 1948 (Secret)

1. Reference memorandum prepared by this office for your signature did not disclose the actual extent of State Department participation in project.

2. The coordination with the IAC agencies, in this case, was done on an informal basis so that no written comments were received. When the State representative did not participate in the final discussions on the paper, it was erroneously assumed by the ORE representative attending the meeting, that the extent of State participation was less than that of the other departments. In fact, State had contributed to the paper, and had not only reviewed it, but had concurred in the ORE draft, and therefore did not participate in the final discussions because no useful purpose would have been served to do so.

3. This office has discussed this matter with Colonel Booth of [REDACTED] office. Colonel Booth has requested:

- a. That the matter be brought to your attention; and
 - b. That, at an opportune time, you informally bring to the attention of the Office of the Secretary of Defense the fact that State did cooperate in the study, and concurred in the conclusions set forth in reference.
4. We feel State is justified in making this request, and so recommend.
5. Steps have been taken to avoid a repetition of this incident.

THEODORE BABBITT

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